AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims without prejudice, without admission, without surrender of subject matter, and without any intention of creating any estoppel as to equivalents, as follows.

In the Claims:

Claims 1-32 (cancelled)

33. (Previously presented) A method for controlling the growth of undesirable harmful plants, which comprises applying an effective amount of herbicidal composition by the pre-emergence method, wherein the herbicidal composition comprises an effective amount of one or more herbicidal active substances selected from the group consisting of glufosinate, paraquat and salts thereof and an amount of a carrier selected from the group consisting of fuller's earth, aerogels, high-molecular-weight polyglycols and polymers based on acrylic acid, methacrylic acid and copolymers thereof.

34. (Previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 33, wherein the herbicidal composition is applied to the soil where the harmful plants are growing, prior to the emergence of the harmful plants.

35. (Previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 33, wherein the herbicidal active substance is glufosinate or a salt thereof.

36. (Previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 35, wherein the herbicidal active substance is glufosinate-ammonium.

37. (Previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 33, wherein the herbicidal active substance is paraquat or a salt thereof.

38. (Previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 33, wherein the carrier material is selected from the group consisting of aerogels, high-molecular-weight polyglycols and polymers based on acrylic acid, methacrylic acid and copolymers thereof.

39. (Previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 33, wherein the carrier material is selected from aerogels.

40. (Previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 33, wherein the carrier material is selected from high-molecular-weight polyglycols.

41. (Previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 33, wherein the carrier material is selected from the group consisting of polymers based on acrylic acid, methacrylic acid and copolymers thereof.

42. (Previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 33, wherein the herbicidal composition additionally comprises one or more substance selected from the group consisting of pre-emergence herbicidal active substances, plant growth regulators, fungicides, insecticides, safeners, nutrients, seed dressings and fertilizers.

43. (Previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 33, wherein the herbicidal composition additionally comprises at least one additive selected from the group consisting of surfactants, wetting agents, emulsifiers, adjuvants, ammonium salts, preservatives, colorants, antifoams, tackifiers, solvents, buffer systems and UV stabilizers.

44. (Previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 43, wherein the additive is selected from the group consisting of alkyl ether sulfates , ammonium sulfate and ammonium nitrate.

45. (Previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 33, wherein the herbicidal composition is applied in crops of useful plants which are tolerant to the herbicidal active herbicidal active substances contained in the composition.

46. (Previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 45, wherein the herbicidal composition is applied in crops of genetically modified useful plants.

47. (Previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 33, wherein the herbicidal composition comprises

a) from 0.001 to 48% by weight of the herbicidal active substance,

b) from 2 to 90% by weight of the carrier material and

c) from 0 to 97% by weight of a solvent.

48. (Previously presented) A herbicidal composition which comprises an effective amount of one or more herbicidal active substances selected from the group consisting of glufosinate, paraquat and salts thereof and an amount of a carrier selected from the group consisting of aerogels, high-molecular-weight polyglycols and polymers based on acrylic acid, methacrylic acid and copolymers thereof.

49. (Previously presented) The composition as claimed in claim 48, comprising

a) from 0.001 to 48% by weight of the herbicidal active substance,

b) from 2 to 90% by weight of the carrier material and

c) from 0 to 97% by weight of a solvent.

50. (Currently amended) The composition as claimed in claim 49 ~~claim 48~~, wherein the herbicidal active substance is glufosinate or a salt thereof.

51. (Previously presented) The composition as claimed in claim 50, wherein the herbicidal active substance is glufosinate-ammonium.

52. (Currently amended) The composition as claimed in claim 49 ~~claim 48~~, wherein the herbicidal active substance is paraquat or a salt thereof.

53. (Previously presented) The composition as claimed in claim 48, wherein the carrier material is selected from aerogels.

54. (Previously presented) The composition as claimed in claim 48, wherein the carrier material is selected from high-molecular-weight polyglycols.

55. (Previously presented) The composition as claimed in claim 48, wherein the carrier material is selected from the group consisting of polymers based on acrylic acid, methacrylic acid and copolymers thereof.

56. (Previously presented) The composition as claimed in claim 48, which additionally comprises one or more substance selected from the group consisting of pre-emergence herbicidal active substances, plant growth regulators, fungicides, insecticides, safeners, nutrients, seed dressings and fertilizers.

57. (Previously presented) The composition as claimed in claim 48, which additionally comprises one or more additives selected from the group consisting of surfactants, wetting agents, emulsifiers, adjuvants, ammonium salts, preservatives, colorants, antifoams, tackifiers, solvents, buffer systems and UV stabilizers.

58. (Previously presented) The composition as claimed in claim 48, wherein the additive is selected from the group consisting of alkyl ether sulfates, ammonium sulfate and ammonium nitrate.

59. (New) The composition as claimed in claim 49, wherein the carrier material is selected from aerogels.

60. (New) The composition as claimed in claim 49, wherein the carrier material is selected from high-molecular-weight polyglycols.

61. (New) The composition as claimed in claim 49, wherein the carrier material is selected from the group consisting of polymers based on acrylic acid, methacrylic acid and copolymers thereof.